



State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
OF DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
NON-PROJECT ACTION**

Name of Proposal: **DRAFT TITLE:** PROPOSED PROGRAMMATIC HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE'S HYDRAULIC PROJECT APPROVAL PROGRAM. (Working title at the time of the Scoping Notice even though the non-project action included multiple alternatives to reach ESA Compliance). Date of Scoping Notice: November 19, 1999.

Description of Proposal Being Withdrawn: The National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Services) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) related to ESA compliance for WDFW's Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) program. One of the proposals would be to write a Programmatic Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to allow the Services to issue the ITP. Preparation of the EIS is pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). In addition, there will be a SEPA threshold determination for changes made to the Hydraulic Code Administrative Rules (Chapter 220-110 WAC) before the Final EIS is completed.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Habitat Program, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091. Contact Person: Gayle Kreitman

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Statewide

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Environmental Document Being Withdrawn: Determination of Significance and Scoping Notice, issued November 19, 1999.

Based on public review of the proposed action, the lead agency for this proposal is no longer considering this proposal and will not prepare an EIS.

The Habitat Program may still review the Hydraulic Code Rules (Chapter 220-110 WAC) at some time in the future. If any changes are considered at that time, a new threshold determination or determinations will be made.

Responsible Official: Peter Birch

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DATE OF ISSUE: December 21, 2001 **SIGNATURE:**  for Peter Birch

SEPA Log Number: 01-117Wdl (Withdrawal of Determination of Significance and Scoping Notice for NEPA/SEPA EIS for the Proposed Programmatic ESA Compliance document for WDFW's HPA Program, November 19, 1999)

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